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**Mrs. Naomi R. Sweeney
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Washington, D.C. 20503**

Dear Mrs. Sweeney:

This is in response to your request for our views on the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's proposal to combine earnings credits under the Social Security and Federal Civil Service Retirement Systems.

Since HEW's draft proposal applies solely to the Civil Service Retirement System, we defer to the views of the Civil Service Commission both as to the general principles involved and the method of implementation.

Sincerely,



**John M. Maury
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